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PASS DAN GOOTT (EUR), GERALD HOLMES (ILAB, DEPT OF LABOR)
AND ED MCHALE (ICP/DP - LABOR, ICA)

REF: A. MADRID 4024
B. MADRID 3114
D. HOLMES/GOLDEN/COOK TELECON MAY 12

1. LABATT MET MAY 11 WITH LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIALS
(SUB-DIRECTOR GENERALS JOSE BARRIONUEVO AND FELIPE
ARMAN; EDUARDO GIMENEZ CHORNET OF INTERNATIONAL
SECTION) TO DISCUSS PROPOSED ARBITRATION SEMINAR.
BOTH BARRIONUEVO AND GIMENEZ, INCIDENTALLY, ARE RECENT
INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM GRANTEES. ALL WERE
ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT PROPOSED SEMINAR. THEIR PROPOSALS
AND VIEWS (PASSED ON INFORMALLY DURING REF C TELECON)
ARE NOTED BELOW.

2. THEY WOULD PREFER A THREE-DAY SEMINAR (MORNING AND
AFTERNOON SESSIONS) WHICH WOULD RUN DURING A TUESDAY-
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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY PERIOD. (NOTE: BASED UPON USUAL
SPANISH PRACTICE, THIS WOULD CALL FOR 9:30 A.M. TO
1:30 P.M. MORNING SESSIONS, AND 4:00 TO 7:00 P.M.
AFTERNOON SESSIONS, WITH COFFEE-BREAK MID-MORNING.)
DATES IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE WOULD BE A) JUNE 27, 28
AND 29; B) JULY 5, 6, AND 7; C) JULY 11, 12, AND 13;
AND D) SEPTEMBER 12, 13, AND 14. PERIOD BETWEEN MID-

JULY AND MID-SEPTEMBER UNSUITABLE BECAUSE OF CONFLICT WITH TRADITIONAL SPANISH SUMMER VACATION PERIOD.

3. LABOR MINISTRY ACCEPTS CONCEPT OF TRIPARTITE TEAM OF U.S. EXPERTS REPRESENTING GOVT (MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION SERVICE), PRIVATE SECTOR (PROBABLY AAA - AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION), AND TRADE UNION SECTOR -- ALL HOPEFULLY SPANISH SPEAKERS. THERE WOULD BE A MAXIMUM OF 35 SPANISH PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATED 25 FROM LABOR MINISTRY (INCLUDING LABOR INSPECTORS AND SOME PROVINCIAL LABOR MINISTRY DELEGATES) AND SOME SELECTED UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS IN LABOR FIELD. LABOR MINISTRY WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY SEEING DRAFT PROGRAM SCHEDULE BEFORE IT IS FINALIZED. GENERALLY SPEAKING, THEY WOULD LIKE A DISCUSSION PERIOD TO FOLLOW EACH PRESENTATION. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, SPANIARDS WOULD HOPE TO HAVE DATE CONFIRMED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

4. THIS PLANNED EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE SPANISH MINISTRY OF LABOR IS ONE OF THE PROJECTS IN OUR PROPOSED STEPPED-UP LABOR PROGRAM FOR SPAIN (REFTEL B, PARA 5).
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